

Tracing Contacts of Covid-19 patients

When we have a **confirmed positive or suspected Covid-19 patient** we talk to the patient and family about who they have had contact with in the last 14 days and start performing tracers starting with:

1. **All household members** which is anyone with at least one overnight stay +/- 7 days from patient's illness onset, and the patient may have resided in >1 household.
2. A **close contact** is anyone who was within 6 feet of the case patient for more than 30 minutes or anyone who had direct contact with infectious secretions of the case patient (e.g., being coughed on). **This includes healthcare staff.**
3. A **high risk contact** is a person who fits one or more of the following: aged 65 years and older, who lives in a nursing home or long-term care facility, who has a chronic condition such as: chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma, serious heart condition, immunocompromised including cancer treatment, severe obesity (body mass index [BMI] >40), diabetes, renal failure, liver disease, or pregnant. (Pregnancy should be monitored since they are known to be at risk with severe viral illness, however, to date data on COVID-19 has not shown increased risk.)
4. Anyone who has had contact with a positive Covid patient will be put on home isolation for 14 days.
5. If you know you have had contact with a positive Covid patient please contact the Peach Springs clinic at 928-769-2900 so we may assist with monitoring of symptoms and give you home isolation guidelines.
6. Any person that has been tested for Covid-19 will be put on home isolation as well.